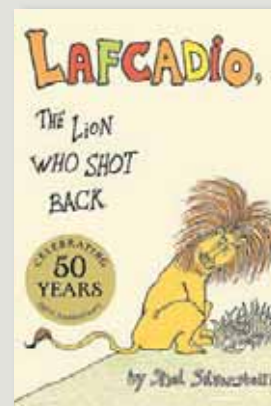


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**Kristen  
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Want to always love hockey? Play a different sport.

Although he was promoting his hometown hockey school Wednesday, Sidney Crosby echoed the thoughts of other top-level players on the importance of taking to the field.

"It's important to play a lot of different sports," he said during a press conference at Cole Harbour Place, where the Sidney Crosby Hockey School started Monday and concludes Friday.

Crosby said kicking a soccer ball instead of taking a shot exposes kids to different cultures and skills. That's why his summer school is incorporating off-ice activities such as soccer, while encouraging life lessons like staying active, being a team player and having fun.

"It's nice to change it up," Crosby said, explaining taking a hockey break adds to the "excitement" of stepping back on the ice.

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## Humidity to blame for scary storms

### WEATHER

### Back-to-back early-morning thunderstorms rock city

**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

Summer may be the time for sunshine, but it's also a good time for thunderstorms to brew.

For the second night in a row, residents in the Halifax area were woken up by thunder claps and lightning bolts in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

According to Environment Canada spokeswoman Tracey Talbot, the humid weather is to blame.

"When you get these warm, humid air masses, it's quite common to get these thunderstorms being triggered," explained Talbot.

The inland area of the province was hit late afternoon, and



**What a crazy storm ... I was actually scared at one point.**

Gary Brinton,  
of Brinton Photography

the storm later found its way to the coastline.

"Nothing materialized as what we'd consider severe," said Talbot. She added that certain

areas had strong winds, but they didn't cause notable damage.

While the Halifax area was hit with a strong downpour, the rain didn't last long. The highest amount of rain in the province was recorded in Dartmouth by a volunteer observer: About 25 millimetres, Talbot said.

If the humidity persists, Haligonians can expect more thunder and lightning throughout August.

"It's one of those things we have to keep an eye on — pretty much daily," said Talbot.

### GREENWOOD

## Teen cadet dead after falling ill at base

Military police are investigating the sudden death of a 13-year-old air cadet after he fell ill at a Nova Scotia military base.

Capt. Liam Mather, a spokesman for cadets in Atlantic Canada, said the boy fell ill Tuesday afternoon in his accommodations at 14 Wing at Canadian Forces Base Greenwood.

Mather said the cadet told a

duty officer he felt sick, and the duty officer called emergency responders.

The boy was taken to the base's medical clinic and later transferred to a hospital in Kentville, N.S., where he was pronounced dead.

There's no word on the cause of death.

Mather says the boy's name is

not being released at the request of the family.

The Canadian Forces National Investigation Service, an investigative arm of the military police, is looking into the incident.

Mather says the boy was taking a three-week basic fitness and sports course, which promotes healthy living.

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# Cabbie accused of sexual assault regains licence

## COMMITTEE MEETING

**Driver will be able to work during court proceedings**



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax taxi driver accused of sexually assaulting one of his passengers is once again allowed to drive a cab.

Bassam Aladin Al-Rawi had his licence suspended after he was charged with sexually assaulting a woman in his taxi in May.

At a closed-door hearing before Halifax city council's appeals standing committee on Wednesday, that decision was overturned.

Al-Rawi didn't show up to the hearing, instead letting his lawyer, Mike Taylor speak for him.

After the meeting, Taylor told Metro his client's licence will be reinstated after a unanimous decision by the committee.

There are two conditions to the reinstatement: Al-Rawi won't be allowed to drive between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. and he will be required to have a camera in his vehicle, pending the outcome of the court proceedings.

"He has to work," said Taylor when asked why his client ap-



**A taxi sign sits atop a vehicle. A Halifax cabbie has had his taxi licence reinstated after it was suspended after being charged with sexual assault against a female passenger. METRO FILE**

pealed the suspension.

"You're taking his livelihood away for what could be a very lengthy period of time with absolutely no proof of anything, just on an allegation."

Al-Rawi's former employer, Dartmouth-based Bob's taxi, fired him when that allegation came to light.

Bob's manager Kim DeMont said Wednesday he still won't

be driving one of its cabs.

"Until I know whether he was innocent ... I don't want him back here," said DeMont.

"I mean if he was innocent, then who am I to convict him? But if he's still going on trial, no."

The charges against Al-Rawi have yet to be proven in court. Taylor said he is waiting for more disclosure from

the Crown before his client will make a plea or set a date for a trial.

Al-Rawi was arrested on May 23 and charged with sexual assault.

Halifax Regional Police said a patrol officer came across a cab parked at the corner of Atlantic and Brussel streets in the city's south end around 1:20 a.m. The officer noticed

"suspicious activity inside the vehicle," a police news release said then.

Upon further investigation, police determined that the 26-year-old female passenger had been sexually assaulted, allegedly by the driver.

Paramedics took the 26-year-old victim to hospital to be checked out and she was later released, police said.

## AL-RAWI CASE

**Taxi group head cool to decision**



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

Granting a taxi driver accused of sexually assaulting a passenger permission to drive a cab again is what one local industry president dreaded.

Dave Buffett, head of Halifax Taxi Drivers Owners Association, attended Wednesday's appeals standing committee meeting on a different matter, but later spoke against the decision to allow Bassam Aladin Al-Rawi to successfully appeal the suspension of his taxi driver and owner's licence.

"If I say it's a huge black eye it's an understatement," Buffett said Wednesday afternoon.

"I think for anybody in the industry or anybody who takes a cab from time to time, it's very, very disturbing."

With his licence now reinstated, Al-Rawi is free to drive a cab either as part of a company or as an independent.

Between 150 to 200 drivers currently operate without a service broker, according to the association. Anyone can be an independent driver so long as they have a valid licence, vehicle with a meter, display a registered company name on a roof light and show their cab ID number.

Regardless of the outcome of Al-Rawi's case, he said the industry's reputation has taken a hit.

"It reflects on all of us. We're fathers, we're husbands, we're boyfriends, we're sons," he said.

## IN BRIEF

### Stolen Mercedes sold, tipping off Mounties

Halifax RCMP say a vehicle reported stolen from a private driveway in Beaver Bank was actually picked up by its new buyer. Officers responded to a call of a vehicle theft around 11 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Police say the owner of the vehicle had said he parked his car in the next-door neighbour's driveway on Beaver Bank Road but when he arrived home, the car was gone. On Wednesday, RCMP said they learned that the 1989 560 4-door black metallic Mercedes had been for sale and was picked up by a buyer without the original seller's knowledge, leading them to believe it had been stolen.

### RCMP investigating attempted armed robbery

The Yarmouth RCMP are investigating an attempted armed robbery that occurred at the Red Knight Enterprises Ltd. on Starrs Road Wednesday morning.

The RCMP say that at around 10 a.m. a lone male, carrying what appeared to be a sawed-off shotgun and a knife, entered the Yarmouth business.

The person fled the business and it was believed he was not able to get any money or valuables.

RCMP spokesperson Const. Mark Skinner said no one was injured in the incident.

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### Police seek suspects after trailer, lobster crates were stolen

RCMP say they're investigating after a trap trailer and 245 lobster crates were stolen in southwestern Nova Scotia.

Police say the trailer was stolen around 1:40 a.m. Tuesday from Surf Seafoods in Port La Tour, about 50 kilometres south of Shelburne.

Investigators say the trailer was then used to take 245 lobster crates from Reynolds Trucking.

Police say the value of the gear and the trailer is more than \$14,000.

The Mounties are asking the public for information on the incident.

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# Same vibe, different side of the harbour

## BUSINESS

### Sailor Bup's Barbershop expanding to Dartmouth



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Calling all scruffy-haired Dartmouthians: Sailor Bup's is taking its brand of classic barbering across the bridge.

"The interior of the shop, the whole vibe, everything that we're doing here, we will be able to mirror over there," Bup's owner Mark Peyton said Wednesday.

"People will be able to have the same experience they're having in this shop, just in a completely different location."

That new location, opening Oct. 1, will be at 7 Pleasant St. — "right on the brink" of downtown Dartmouth, and the more residential area in a stand-alone building with a few apart-



**Mark Peyton, owner of Sailor Bup's Barbershop, poses for a photo between customers at their Halifax location last year.**

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ments in the back.

"I don't look for big, new, flashy-dashy digs; I love old stuff," said Peyton, joking that his Halifax location is a 137-year-old room where dust falls off the walls when the wind howls down Sackville Street.

The new location will ease some of the strain on that "incredibly busy" room.

Peyton said last week, for instance, they were booking hair-

cuts for Sunday on Wednesday, and that's the new norm.

Before, he took walk-ins.

He thinks the new shop will basically allow his staff to properly serve existing customers in Halifax, save customers from Dartmouth the trip, and hopefully add some new ones on that side of the harbour too.

"It's opening up a new demographic and allowing people in Dartmouth to have a spot



**Fingers crossed that Dartmouth accepts it the way Halifax did.**

Mark Peyton, shop owner

to go," he said.

The new shop will also mean Peyton — who has 12 people working for him now — will be able to hire more barbers, and possibly take on apprentices. There is one strict requirement, though.

"You can teach skills; you cannot teach personality, so that's one of the biggest things we look for," he said. Peyton credits the shop's success to having those kinds of people working for him, and the response he's gotten from the community.

"It comes down to the people supporting this place, and that's why we're in the situation that we're in," he said. "Fingers crossed that Dartmouth accepts it the way Halifax did."

## WATER

### Beach reopens after tests say water is safe

Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that Birch Cove Beach in Dartmouth is once again open for swimming.

The beach, located on Lake

Banook, was closed last week after tests showed high bacteria levels in the water.

Follow-up tests show the water once again meets Health

Canada guidelines.

Other recent beach closures include Dingle Beach on the Northwest Arm and Black Rock Beach in Point Pleasant Park.

For updates on beach closures in the Halifax area, residents can visit the HRM website.

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# Woman who fought transfusion case dies

## HEPATITIS C

### Diane Forsyth won settlement for victims

A Halifax woman who led a \$1.18-billion class-action settlement for those infected with hepatitis C has died.

Lawyer Dawna Ring says Diane Forsyth died Saturday at the age of 64.

Forsyth became known nationally under her maiden name, Diane Parsons, for leading the legal fight for those infected with hepatitis C from blood transfusions.

Her family doctor, Patricia Beresford, said Forsyth, who had a bleeding disorder, became ill after getting a blood transfusion prior to dental surgery in 1989.

At the time, Canada had not instituted surrogate testing for hepatitis C.

"Early on in her illness, and until the day she died, Diane fought for adequate compensation for the medical and living costs of victims of hepatitis C exposure from blood," said Beresford.

Thousands of people in Canada were infected with HIV and hepatitis C after receiving tainted blood transfusions in

the 1980s.

The federal government launched a public inquiry in 1993 to look into the scandal. Justice Horace Krever spent four years on his investigation and made 50 recommendations when he issued his report four years later.

The settlement in the lawsuit led by Forsyth also wasn't without controversy when it was announced in 1998.

Under the court-approved agreement, Ottawa and the provinces set up a fund to compensate people infected with hepatitis C through tainted blood from 1986 to 1990. But people infected before 1986

were excluded on the grounds that there was no test to screen for the virus before then, but it was later learned there were fairly effective tests available before 1986.

A number of people who knew Forsyth issued statements on her importance to those who were affected by tainted blood.

Harvey T. Strosberg, who was the lead lawyer in the national class action, said Forsyth was a "visionary and a leader."

"She put her faith in the judicial system and she was not disappointed," he said. "Thousands of Canadians have benefited because she led the way."

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**POLITICS WELCOMING THE NEWBIES** David Wilton, right, MLA for Cape Breton Centre and Derek Mombourquette, left, MLA for Sydney-Whitney Pier, pose for photos with Premier Stephen McNeil after being sworn in as members of the provincial legislature on Wednesday. The two became MLAs after winning byelections last month. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Museum workers vote to strike

Dozens of unionized employees at a Nova Scotia museum have voted to strike. The Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union says its workers at Sherbrooke Village museum voted 85 per cent in favour of striking.

Union president Joan Jessome says the employer has been dragging out negotiations for three years because of a pension issue. Wages are also an issue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## OIL AND GAS

### Critics decry Shell cap time

Nova Scotia environmentalists are questioning why the federal environmental protection agency has approved an offshore drilling plan that allows up to 21 days to contain a subsea blowout, when the most recent U.S. regulation requires technology to be on hand to cap the blowout within 24 hours.

A recent Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency decision on the Shell Canada Ltd. deepwater project for the Shelburne Basin exploration off southern Nova Scotia accepted a company spill containment

plan that allows for capping in 12 to 21 days.

It is signed by federal Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq.

John Davis, a critic of the project, said in an interview that Shell should have to follow a recent decision by the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement that requires it to have a vessel carrying a capping system available within a day in the Chukchi Sea offshore Alaska project.

"Our regulators are basically saying, 'You don't have to

have a capping device on hand. That's OK. You can store a capping device in Norway and you can take up to 21 days to cap a blowout if it occurs,'" he said.

"That is not reasonable." Mark Butler, policy director of the Ecology Action Centre, said in an interview that both the regions have lucrative fisheries and diverse marine life.

"Alaska has a valuable fishery, and so do we. Why wouldn't we have the same requirement for Newfoundland and Nova Scotia waters?" he asked.

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# 'These stories need to be seen'

## ATLANTIC FILM FESTIVAL

### Homegrown filmmakers announced for 2015 festival

**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

A First Nations LGBT action-thriller, a documentary about deer, and an alien love story.

Those are just three of the 72 Atlantic films moviegoers can catch at the 2015 Atlantic Film Festival this September.

This year marks the festival's 35th anniversary, and the Atlantic program launch took place on Wednesday.

Program director Jason Beaudry spoke about the importance of film in the region.

"These stories need to be seen and these voices need to be heard," Beaudry told the crowd at the Argyle Bar & Grill.

This year, Closet Monster is getting the spotlight at the Blue Carpet Gala.

"Newfoundland director Stephen Dunn is destined for



**Filmmaker Caley MacLennan stands outside the Argyle Bar & Grill, sporting his Noon Gun tattoo. MacLennan directed, wrote and produced Noon Gun, a local film premiering at this year's Atlantic Film Festival.** REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

very big things," said festival director Wayne Carter.

Closet Monster tells the story of a teenage boy desperate to escape his dysfunc-

tional family and get a job developing special effects for movies.

"It will have you talking," Carter said.

One of the Halifax-based movies in the festival is Noon Gun. Writer, director and producer Caley MacLennan wanted to touch on an important

## + FEATURED FILMS

### Rehtaeh Parsons movie to make festival debut

The story of Rehtaeh Parsons will be seen on the big screen this fall.

As one of the Atlantic Broadcast Program selections, No Place to Hide: The Rehtaeh Parsons Story by Rama Rau-Swaroop will be featured in this fall's Atlantic Film Festival.

The program showcases six works from the

region's television production industry, and includes My Week on Welfare by Jackie Torrens as well as Meredith Ralston's Selling Sex.

Parsons died after attempting suicide in April 2013, two years after her family said she was sexually assaulted and a photo of the incident was spread around her high school and community.

issue in the area where he lives.

"It focuses on a young black male growing up in the north end, who wants to become a lawyer," said MacLennan.

"He's ultimately challenged with that goal, because of the way he's treated by police and some of the other neighbours."

As the title implies, the movie uses the daily firing of the noon gun in Halifax to tell a story through five different perspectives.

Not only is it a local story,

but MacLennan hired Halifax actors as well.

"All the music came from a north end studio," he said.

"(The launch) is definitely making me feel very positive about how the film will be received by other film festivals throughout the country, and hopefully the world."

The 2015 Atlantic Film Festival is scheduled to take place Sept. 17 to 24.

The rest of the Canadian and international line up will be announced later this month.

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## LIFESAVER

# Lingan woman mourned as 'hero'

A Lingan, N.S. woman who died while saving children caught in a rip tide in the ocean off Dunvegan, Sunday, is being hailed a true hero.

Michelle Curtis, a 45-year-old from the Sydney area, died after what began as a fun-filled weekend with 30 friends and family at MacLeod's Beach Campsite near Inverness, turned into a nightmare.

"She is a hero," said Michelle's sister, Kendra Baldwin of New Waterford.

"Michelle was the first one in the water and she was the first one to reach the kids. She saved them, she got them to shore."

On Sunday, they went to the horse races and at about 4 p.m. returned to the campground before heading to the nearby



**She saved them, she got them to shore.**

Michelle Curtis' sister, Kendra Baldwin

beach. There were about 15 children who immediately ran into the water with their boogie boards, but only up to their knees.

"Within seconds they were right out to sea, the rip tide came in and just took them right out," Baldwin said.

Baldwin's son was in the water along with his two friends.

She said Michelle reached her son Harrison and got him on his way back in, then swam back out to help someone else.

In the meantime two men entered the water with a "pool noodle" flotation device and wrapped it around Michelle.

She collapsed on shore. A doctor and two nurses — one nurse a friend of the group — began to perform CPR. EHS arrived along with two fire trucks. Fighting back tears, Baldwin said her sister passed away on the beach.

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# Crafting a world-class legacy

## BACKSTAGE PASS

## Documentary series brings local artisans to grand stage

Aly Thomson  
For Metro | Halifax

A light dusting of sawdust floats onto Steven Kennard's brown leather shoe as the woodturner brushes off his latest creation.

Using a tiny drill bit, the Nova Scotia-based artist carves intricate designs into the side of a glossy, sculptural wooden box.

"The satisfaction you get from actually making something with your own hands can't be described ... There's always a connection, or a story behind where it came from," said Kennard before walking down a snow-covered road in rural Nova Scotia.

That scene is depicted in a short film called Turns, part of a series of six documentaries that follow Nova Scotia master craftspeople.

Life's Work: Six Conversations with Makers seeks to bring the province's artists and their work to the world stage, said Susan Hanrahan of the Nova Scotia Designer Crafts Council, who worked with the Craft Alliance and Breakwater Studios Ltd. to bring the project to life.

"We wanted to promote these artists and the Nova



Artist Louise Pentz is seen in this still from the short film Mother Earth, one of six films in the documentary series Life's Work: Six Conversations with Makers. CONTRIBUTED

Scotia craft scene in general to an international audience to boost that profile, get more recognition and hopefully start to drive interest in representing, showing and collecting Nova Scotia fine crafts on a global basis," said Hanrahan.

In the film Mother Earth, Louise Pentz of Pentz, N.S.,

describes her journey from making pottery painted with colourful flowers to creating sculptures of female figures that explore the injustices women face.

"I found my voice of protest for the way women are treated in the world," Pentz said in the film. "Artists have an important role in bringing about social change, so find out what you can do.... I can do clay."

The documentaries also follow fibre artist Sanna Rahola and woodcarver Douglas Drdul, metal sculptor Gordon Kennedy, stone carver Heather Lawson and Elizabeth Goluch's insect sculptures.

The project is getting no-

ticed. In total, the videos in the series have been viewed about 250,000 times in more than 150 different countries including Estonia and the United Kingdom.

Hanrahan said artists have reported sales and commissioned work to people around the world as a result of the 10-minute films.

Ben Proudfoot, the young filmmaker behind the project, said he believes the province's pace and way of life inspires artists to create extraordinary pieces.

"It's the attention to detail and how personal their work is," said Proudfoot, who splits his time working in Nova Sco-

tia and California.

"In Los Angeles, artists' work is so overly commercial and overly sold and overly exposed."

"It was important for me as a Nova Scotian filmmaker to help bring exposure to the amazing work that these people are doing that maybe doesn't get as much attention as it should."

Hanrahan said because of the recent success of Life's Work: Six Conversations with Makers, the crafts council is looking at creating another series of six documentaries.

Watch documentaries at: [lifeworkfilms.com](http://lifeworkfilms.com)

**We wanted to create a project that would highlight the work of some of our master craftspeople that would provide a legacy and live on beyond the project itself.**

Susan Hanrahan, executive director of the Nova Scotia Designer Crafts Council

## MUSIC

## Lineup revealed for Urban Folk Festival

The Halifax Urban Folk Festival is returning for its sixth year at the end of August.

Headliners include Norman Blake, Lindi Ortega, Chuck Prophet, Neil Osborne, Ron Hawkins and Hillsburn.

"As hard as it is to top what's come before during the previous five years of the Halifax Urban Folk Festival, I really think we've done it this year," festival organizer Mike Campbell said in a release issued Wednesday.

Other artists sharing their

talents with the event include Indie Rocker Ron Hawkins and Nashville-based Lindi Ortega.

"Our mandate is to bring the best — often under-rated — songwriters to Halifax," said Campbell.

Headlining shows take place at the Carleton Music Bar & Grill. The festival will also feature artists at other venues throughout the city, including the Rockbottom Brew Pub, the Company House, the Seahorse Tavern, Tempo and the Loose Cannon. METRO

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# Leaders ready to ramble

## ELECTION 2015

### First debate of federal party leaders takes place tonight

On the eve of the first federal leaders' debate, Canada's campaign trail grew quiet Wednesday as the rivals prepared for their live four-way faceoff.

Two of them, however, sent campaign proxies.

Laureen Harper stepped up to fill her husband's shoes, speaking briefly to party supporters at the campaign office for Conservative Costas Menegakis in the suburban riding of Richmond Hill.

And the NDP offered a new attack ad to fill the campaign void — a collection of doom-and-gloom business-page headlines superimposed over photos of Stephen Harper, denouncing the Tory economic record.

Indeed, the economy is expected to be front and centre during Thursday's debate, the first opportunity for four of the five leaders to go head-to-head on a variety of key issues.

All four participants — Harper, NDP Leader Tom Mul-



**Stephen Harper**

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**Thomas Mulcair**

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**Justin Trudeau**

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**Elizabeth May**

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cair, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and Green party Leader Elizabeth May — were keeping a low profile Wednesday as they took part in the time-honoured campaign ritual of "debate prep."

Mulcair has been running through debate preparation sessions with his inner circle at a Montreal hotel all week, surfacing only Tuesday to take part in a campaign event in the riding of Mount Royal.

As a former prosecutor whose question-period inquisition of Harper at the height of the Senate scandal was a highlight of his tenure as leader, Mulcair's performance will

be under the microscope, observers say.

"I think a lot of the Canadian electorate has seen Mulcair in question period on the attack, which is obviously a useful quality to have," said Toronto-based debate coach Shakir Rahim, who won the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships two years in a row.

"I think the question is whether in the debate, he can come across in the ... prime ministerial sense, given that now that's a real possibility for him."

As is always the case for the prime minister, Harper

will surely be the target of most of the attacks — a fact not lost on the Conservative team, said spokesman Kory Teneycke.

But the Tories will have attacks of their own — particularly on matters of experience and leadership.

"We are focused on getting ready for the debate," Teneycke said Tuesday in Toronto.

Teneycke said the prime minister is "quite prepared to defend" the government's economic record, which has been under heavy fire throughout the first few days of the still-young campaign.

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## + WHEN, WHERE

Harper, Mulcair, Trudeau and May will all be in Toronto today to take part in the first federal election debate beginning at 8 p.m. EST.

The debate will be broadcast live on Toronto-based Citytv, CPAC and Omni 1 and Omni 2 channels, as well as on each broadcaster's website, Facebook, YouTube and on Rogers Radio news stations.

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## P.E.I.

### MADD head resigns

The president of a Prince Edward Island chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada has resigned after being charged with impaired driving, the organization's CEO said Wednesday.

Andrew Murie said David Griffin, who was a police officer for 45 years, was charged with impaired driving in June and immediately resigned as volunteer president of MADD's East Prince County chapter.

Murie said formal charges were laid this week.

He said he was shocked and disappointed, but also has some compassion for Griffin, who he says did great work for the organization during his three years as president.

"He was a great volunteer. He led that chapter and was engaged with the organization," said Murie in a phone interview from Oakville, Ont.

Murie said in his 18 years as CEO of MADD, he's never dealt with an incident like this.

"This is the first time we've had a volunteer charged with impaired driving, where we've had to ask them to leave the organization," said Murie.

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# Debris confirmed

## FLIGHT MH370

### Malaysian prime minister authenticates wreckage

Experts have confirmed that the debris found on Reunion Island last week was that of Malaysia Airlines flight 370 that went missing last year, Malaysia's prime minister said Wednesday.

"It is with a very heavy heart that I must tell you that an international team of experts has conclusively confirmed that the aircraft debris ... is indeed MH370,"



**It is my hope that this confirmation ... will at least bring certainty to the families and loved ones.**

Malaysian Prime Minister  
Najib Razak



**Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak at a special press conference announcing the findings for the ill fated flight MH370 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, early Thursday.**

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Prime Minister Najib Razak told reporters.

The Boeing 777 jetliner disappeared 515 days ago on March 8 while on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

It is believed to have crashed in the Indian Ocean,

but the reason remains one of aviation's biggest mysteries.

The first ever physical evidence of the aircraft was found on the French territory of Reunion Island in the Indian ocean, thousands of miles (kilometres) from the site near Australia where the

plane is believed to have gone down.

"We now have physical evidence that, as I announced on 24th March last year, flight MH370 tragically ended in the southern Indian Ocean," Najib said.

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## RELIGION

### Pope offers olive branch to divorced

Pope Francis' call Wednesday for a church of "open doors" that welcomes divorced Catholics prompted speculation over whether he was signalling support for easing the ban on Communion for couples who remarry without a church annulment.

The issue is at the centre of an extraordinarily public debate among cardinals from around the world who will gather this October at the Vatican for a synod, or meeting, on the family, where treatment of such couples will be a key topic.

"He wants the church to get over a psychology that if you're divorced and remarried that you're a lesser Catholic," said Phillip Thompson, executive director of the Aquinas Center of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. "But it doesn't address the real issue of what is the path forward for Catholics who want to enter into full communion with the church."

Under Catholic teaching, unless a marriage is annulled, or declared null and void by a church tribunal, those who

remarry cannot receive Communion or other sacraments because they are essentially living in sin and committing adultery. Such annulments can take years to process — if they are granted at all — a problem that has left generations of Catholics feeling shunned by their church.

Catholics who divorce after a church marriage, but don't remarry, can receive Communion.

The pope, speaking at his weekly general audience at the Vatican, underscored Catholic teaching on divorced Catholics who remarry without an annulment, saying, "the church knows well that such a situation contradicts the Christian sacrament." But he emphasized, "these people are not at all excommunicated."

"They always belong to the church," Francis said. The church, he said, must be one of "open doors."

Opponents see a danger to this approach and warn it will undermine church teaching overall on marriage.

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# Automakers struggle to keep hackers out of cars

## TECHNOLOGY

### Vehicles now have more software than a Boeing 787

When researchers at two West Coast universities took control of a General Motors car through cellular and Bluetooth connections in 2010, they startled the auto industry by exposing a glaring security gap.

Five years later, two friendly hackers sitting on a living room couch used a laptop computer to commandeer a Jeep from afar over the Internet, demonstrating an even scarier vulnerability.

"Cars don't seem to be any more secure than when the university guys did it," says Charlie Miller, a security expert at Twitter who, along with well-known hacker and security consultant Chris Valasek, engineered the attack on the Jeep Cherokee.

Fiat Chrysler, the maker of Jeeps, is now conducting the first recall to patch a cybersecurity problem, covering 1.4 million Jeeps. And experts and lawmakers are warning the auto industry and regulators to move faster to plug holes created by the dozens of new computers and the growing number of Internet connections in today's automobiles.

The average new car has 40



**Fiat Chrysler Automobiles says it has a software fix to prevent hacking into the Jeep Cherokee and other vehicles through the Uconnect infotainment system.** COURTESY FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to 50 computers that run 20 million lines of software code, more than a Boeing 787, a recent KPMG study found.

After the 2010 hack, the auto industry plugged access holes and tried to isolate entertainment and driver information systems from critical functions such as steering and brakes. But in each subsequent model year, it added microchips and essentially turned

“Cars don't seem to be any more secure.”

Charlie Miller, security expert at Twitter

cars into rolling computers. The introduction of Internet access has created new vul-

nerabilities.

Security experts say automakers should have systems that recognize rogue commands and stop them from taking control of a car. Some already do. They also say car companies must behave more like the personal computer industry, instantaneously updating software via the Internet to stay ahead in a perpetual cat-and-mouse game. Tesla

and BMW already can do this, and nearly all automakers are planning for it.

Just last week, another hacker revealed that he placed a small electronic box on a car to steal information from GM's OnStar system so he could open doors and start the vehicle. GM said the hack was isolated to one car and it has closed the loopholes.

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## TRADE

### Demand grows for goods

Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the rest of the world shrank in June to a surprisingly low \$476 million, as exports surged in a broad range of sectors, including consumer goods and major resource commodities.

The trade deficit was far less than the \$3.4 billion gap in May, according to Statistics Canada figures released Wednesday, and below an estimated deficit of \$2.8 billion, according to Thomson Reuters.

Although the improvement was helped by a slight decline in imports, economists said the main driver for June's outperformance was strong demand for Canadian goods.

"In volumes terms, exports regained all the ground lost over the last six months," TD economist Diana Petramala wrote in a commentary.

She said Canada's trade performance is now expected to contribute positively to Canadian second-quarter economic growth, as measured by gross domestic product.

But other factors including a large drop in business investment is likely to "swamp the more positive trade story overall, leaving real GDP on track for a modest second consecutive quarterly decline," she added.

There has been an active debate in political and business circles about whether Canada fell into a recession in the first half of the year. Statistics Canada reports second-quarter GDP figures on Sept. 1.

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## IN BRIEF

### More film points needed

Cineplex is raising the number of Scene loyalty program points needed for free premium movie tickets starting on Nov. 4 to 1,500, and 2,000 for the adults-only VIP cinemas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## market minute

	<b>DOLLAR</b> 75.83¢ (-0.04¢)
	<b>TSX</b> 14,502.99 (+11.94)
	<b>OIL</b> \$45.15 US (-59¢)
	<b>GOLD</b> \$1,085.60 US (-\$5.10)
<b>NATURAL GAS:</b> \$2.798 US (-1.4¢)	
<b>DOW JONES:</b> 17,540.47 (-10.22)	

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

### Weaker loonie hits Indigo's bottom line

A weaker Canadian dollar left a mark on the bottom line of Indigo Books & Music Inc. in the latest quarter.

The company's chief financial officer Laura Carr disclosed in a conference call with analysts on Wednesday that the company took a \$3 million hit on its bottom line during the first quarter ended June 27, a direct impact from the exchange rate with the U.S. dollar. Carr said Indigo managed to absorb the effect of the exchange rate by funneling the costs into its book and merchandise prices and securing better agreements with its suppliers by increasing the volume of its orders.

Book and magazine prices are often a hot topic when cur-

rency exchange rates dramatically fluctuate, partly because it's one of the few retail goods that lists how much they cost in each currency on the same product.

When the value of the loonie soared to near par with the American dollar several years ago, some consumers complained they were paying excessive markups on books when factoring in the better exchange rate.

Eventually, publishers and retailers made changes to factor in at least some of the improved currency rates.

However, as the loonie sits around 76 cents U.S., retailers are facing the challenge of recouping lost profit margins.

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### Is equality in 'thermal comfort' really our greatest concern?

Get a sweater.

No, really. Leave your office building, walk to the nearest Joe Fresh, drop \$10 on a crew neck, come back to work, and stop whining.

The most boring story of the summer (the season of boring stories) arrived this week wrapped in a handy coating of sexism, and took off.

You couldn't pass newsstands or hang on Twitter without bombardment by a shocking truth: office air conditioning is designed for ... men!

Researchers found thermostats are set to please the average 40-year-old man in the 1960s, while women, who like it hotter, are left to shiver.

The Internet ate it up. Editors put it on the front page. People (probably none more than women in offices) nattered.

But if I have to glance at one more outrage-feigning headline, I will curse every complainer to a life in a deep freeze, right between the hanging pig and leg of lamb.

Some people thought we made too much of poor Cecil the lion. But that was about one man's erectile dysfunction, if you believe Jimmy Kimmel, and most definitely about life and death — of a species, no less, and arguably an ecosystem.

Over here in office land, the

stakes are piddly.

Offices should "reduce gender-discriminating bias in thermal comfort predictions," declared the researchers. "Equal thermal comfort for all!" doesn't quite have the ring of "Save the lions!" but such is office life.

Or such is the state of feminism.

Instead of crying foul over Fahrenheit, we might have paused to debate a new study that found 95 per cent of women do not regret getting an abortion, after surveying 670 women from a variety of social backgrounds over three years. There's also the small matter of our early start in sexism, as evidenced by new research showing girls are more likely to trust their student council if it's run by boys.

I don't really care if you're cold. It's not a wider problem if you can fix it all by yourself for the price of a quinoa lunch box (and if you can't afford that, the issue we should be talking about is income inequality and pay equity). Surely there's room for an extra layer in that giant purse you lug to work every day.

We're not supposed to silence each other, I know. We women shouldn't ask each other to change.

But please, do get changed — into a parka if you must — and find something better to get you hot and bothered.

## metro's election explainer

### The more debates the merrier?

So you're used to setting your PVR for just one evening's worth of politicians throwing shade at each other — either the English or French "consortium" debate, produced jointly by Canada's major networks (CBC, CTV, Global). This year, you'll need to do more planning. There are four confirmed alternative debates, the first of which, presented by Rogers and Maclean's magazine, goes tonight. Is this about widening the dialogue or subdividing the electorate? Read on.

The election explainer is dedicated to keeping urban Canadians informed ahead of the Oct. 19 vote. Look for it in this space throughout the campaign. Let us know what needs explaining: [readers@metronews.ca](mailto:readers@metronews.ca)

#### 1. HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

The Tories said they wouldn't participate in the traditional debates. Their only explanation was to suggest they were embracing "diversity and innovation." But some contend the party is trying to strategically parse and target blocks of voters. It's also worth pointing out that the Tories feuded with the big broadcasters last year over political ads and that their relationship with the CBC, whose funding they've gutted, is fraught to say the least.

#### 2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- NDP Leader Tom Mulcair has said he won't debate without the big honcho himself.
- Justin Trudeau has so far confirmed only that he'll attend tonight's Maclean's/Rogers debate and another, presented by the Globe and Mail and Google, next month.
- The alternative debates were subject to Tory approval, so the terms are bound to be favourable to Harper. Consider: One of the debates is devoted to the economy,

another to foreign policy — subjects the leader is comfortable with.

- The main thing the consortium could offer was eyeballs: Over 10 million viewers tuned into the English debate in 2011. And the partners had planned to pump up the numbers this time through an array of social-media partnerships, meant to yield "unprecedented digital reach." But Harper's opt-out and Mulcair's hard line threaten to render the whole exercise moot.

## URBAN ETIQUETTE: ELLEN VANSTONE ON BELATED SYMPATHY



### THE QUESTION

**I just found out that my friend's mother died a few weeks ago but he never said anything. Should I say send a card? Or is it more tactful to say nothing?**



Dear Ellen,

I just found out that my friend's mother died a few weeks ago, but he never said anything so I don't know whether to mention it or not. Should I say something, or send a card? Except now it seems too late, and anyways I don't know his postal code. So maybe I could send an email, but maybe that's too casual? Or is it more tactful to say nothing and respect his privacy?

Trying to be sympathetic

Dear Trying,

Sometimes people think it's "tactful to say nothing" when what they really mean is "it's way easier for me to ignore this difficult subject by pretending to be tactful."

I don't include you in this category. You seem genuine-

ly ready to do whatever the right thing is. But I have made the mistake of "pretending to be tactful," and I still regret it. A friendly acquaintance at college lost her fiancé just weeks before the wedding, and a bunch of us in her extended circle ignored the entire event, thinking (or pretending) we didn't want to remind her of the painful loss. As if she needed reminding!

Some time later, when my father died, I received a belated sympathy card from

a friendly acquaintance in my own extended circle, and I can't tell you how much it meant to me. I felt so touched. That card, even though it came from someone who never knew my father, made me feel as if someone else was honouring him and his life by acknowledging the loss of him.

So many of us in this culture are afraid to talk about death, but when people ignore it, there's a kind of message to the bereaved person

that the loss is somehow an embarrassing subject. Which, obviously, is bound to make that person feel worse.

So, the answer is: Always send a card, no matter how many weeks have gone by. It's not only the "right thing to do" as a matter of etiquette. What makes it "right" is that it's a kind and considerate act. It's about setting aside your own discomfort and convenience, and sending a message that will tell your friend you're thinking of him with love and sympathy. It's these small acts — the ones that are easiest to ignore or forget — that help to connect people, and make the world a better place.

As for not knowing your friend's postal code, I could ask if you've ever heard of the Internet. But I'll rein in my scoldy tone and tell you that email is just fine — especially if you're too young to have a drawerful of stamps handy.

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# Don't call it a beach book

## VILLA AMERICA

**This is not one of those turn-off-your-brain summer reads**

**Melissa Dunne**  
For Metro | Life



So how does Liza Klausmann *really* feel about her new book *Villa America* recently being called “this summer’s classiest beach read” by one of Britain’s classiest newspapers?

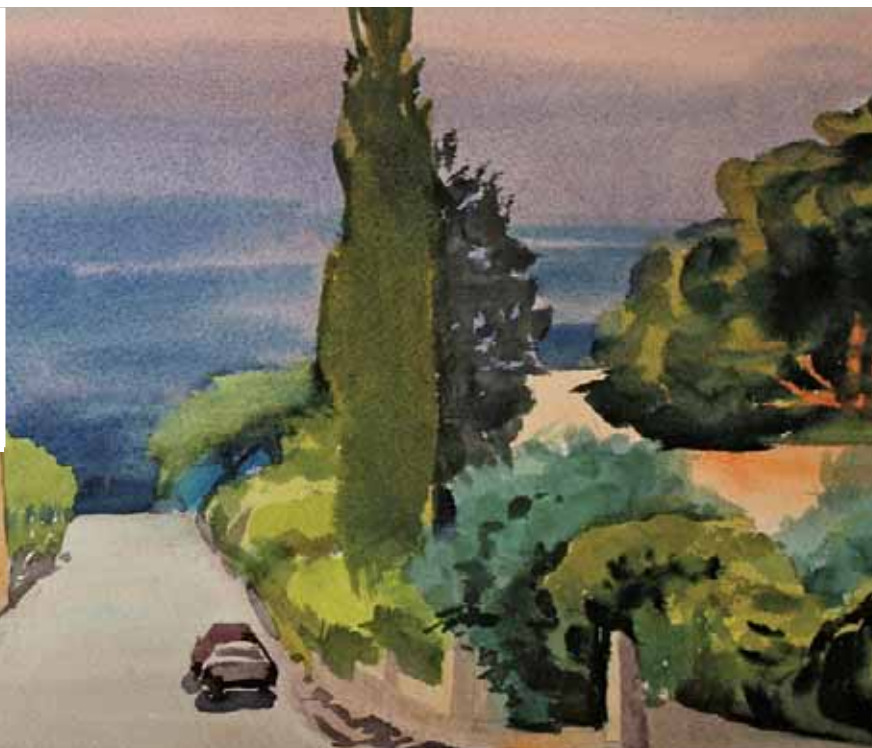
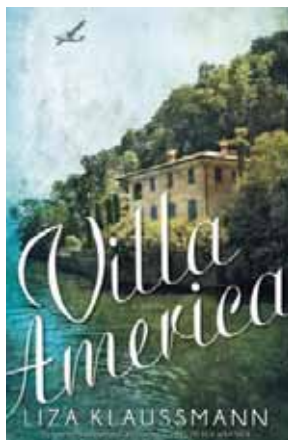
“Yeah, sure why not? The word classy is in there — that’s always a good thing,” Klausmann tells me over the phone while on vacation at Martha’s Vineyard, literally surrounded by beaches.

“I’ve always found the terminology a bit odd. ... You can read anything on the beach.”

The author is diplomatic about the categorization. When a book set in the French Riviera comes out during the dog days of summer it’s perhaps inevitable, she points out, that there will be talk of stuffing it in your beach bag and getting sunscreen smudges on it and sand granules in it while flipping through the pages by the water.

But, one does understand why some authors (and readers) may cringe when the term beach read is mentioned.

After all, even today.com back in 2005 was dissing the category in a roundup of the sub-genre: “The beach book is easily digestible, designed to be guzzled



**Villa America is a book set by the beach, not a “beach book.”** ISTOCK

down from a cramped airline seat or reclining poolside chair. ... They’re not the novels you proudly display on your shelves so that guests may marvel at your intellectual prowess, but frankly, it’s too hot out for Tolstoy.”

Oh, and beach books also tend to be chick-lit — you know, those books with the neon-pink covers. Before the listicle of ‘beach books’ is listed this exhortation adds insult to injury: “Let the mental vacation begin!” Barf.



**I’ve always found the terminology a bit odd ... You can read anything on the beach.**

Liza Klausmann

If you’re looking for a mental vacation this summer, *Villa America* is not the ‘beach book’ for you. While her second novel, like her first, does take place near the beach, I’d certainly say it’s

more classy than trashy.

But enough about the sometimes nauseating way books are labelled and categorized.

Klausmann burst onto the literary scene with *Tigers in*

*Red Weather*, her award-winning debut set on Martha’s Vineyard (where Klausmann usually spends her summers) which became an international bestseller.

Her sophomore effort takes readers to another gorgeous beach locale — this time the French Riviera — and the characters are modelled after the real-life muses of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *Tender is the Night*.

The initial idea for *Villa Amer-*

## INHERITANCE

### A whale of a tale

Liza Klausmann is not a complainer. After all, things are going very well for her right now. Her first novel won her awards and accolades and her second novel *Villa America* has just been published. But, she does have a whale-sized reason to complain.

Herman Melville happens to be her great-great-grandfather and people happen to ask her about the writer of the classic novel *Moby Dick* ALL the time.

Instead of complaining about being asked about, and compared to, someone she never met, she’s decided to deal with her famous relative “head on.”

She is already at work on her third novel and it will reference her long-gone family member.

*ica* came many moons ago when she was working on her master’s thesis on the Fitzgerald classic. Gerald and Sara Murphy, the couple that inspired Fitzgerald’s book, also inspired Klausmann.

“I kind of fell in love with them,” says the author.

The resulting work is something many readers are sure to fall in love with, too.

This is one ‘beach book’ you can proudly display on your shelf, perhaps sandwiched between a dog-eared Helen Fielding book and a pristine Tolstoy novel.

What could be classier than that?



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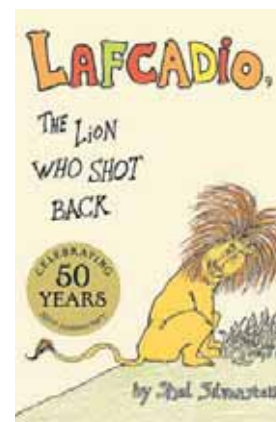
### Counting Lions



#### CONSERVATION

### Counting Lions

Charcoal drawings of 10 endangered animals in an oversize format, with a majestic lion as the cover boy. In addition to simple counting on a level worthy of very young children, text covers the qualities and behaviour of each animal, including elephants, giraffes, pandas, turtles and macaws. Creators Katie Cotton and Stephen Walton urge children to care about protection and preservation. October release, Candlewick.



#### BECOMING WHAT WE HATE

### Lafcadio, The Lion Who Shot Back

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# Filipino lives get the spotlight

#### SHORT FICTION

### Author draws on her own experience in the diaspora

#### BOOKWORM

Sue Carter



It's such a familiar story. When Mia Alvar was a student, first at Harvard College and then at Columbia University, with aspirations of becoming a writer, she had to dig to find English-language fiction by other Filipino authors — despite the

fact that there's a long, recognized literary tradition dating back to the 19th century.

"They weren't names that appeared on my syllabi, or the featured table at the bookstore," Alvar says.

New York-based Alvar can now count herself among a new generation of authors from the Filipino diaspora who are being recognized outside the community for their literary talents, including Montreal's own Miguel Syjuco, who won the 2008 Man Asian Literary Prize for his debut novel *Illustrado*.

Alvar's first story collection, *In the Country*, published by Knopf, was released this summer to great critical praise with comparisons to one of the indisputable all-time masters of

the form, Alice Munro.

In nine stories, including a novella, Alvar travels to the Philippines, the Middle East and the United States, and into the private lives of various Filipino communities and families.

But while there's an underlying sense of displacement and outsider anxiety familiar in many immigrant stories, Alvar's tales twist and surprise.

There's sweet revenge: in *Shadow Families*, a woman named Baby, whose every move and wardrobe choice is judged by the other Filipino women, busts apart an expat community with a sly confession.

But there's also slow-growing empathy in *The Miracle Worker*, in which the wife of an oil worker becomes a care-

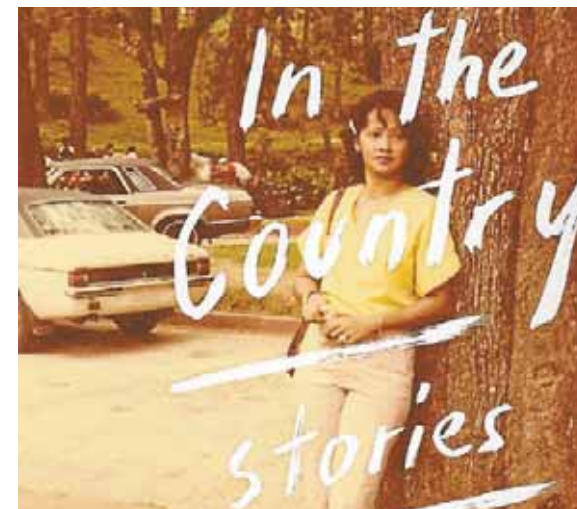
giver for a young special-needs girl whose mother desperately dreams of a bright future for her child.

Alvar's family left Manila when she was six, first moving to Bahrain for four years before settling in New York.

While the stories may have gestated from her family's experiences, once she started writing, Alvar found they took a life of their own.

"I borrowed a lot from memory and personal experience and changed a lot on the page," she says.

"There are moments where I know I can trace the original spark or inspiration, but by the time the story has made it out into the world, so much has changed."





GOSSIP NOTES

Perrie's Zayn zen

In the wake of Zayn "I love to leave things" Malik's split from fiancée Perrie Edwards coming to light earlier this week, the Little Mix singer was said to be "devastated,"

but according to Edwards herself everything is great, just great. "I'm good, thank



you," she said when pressed in an interview for an update. So there you have it. "Her friends are rallying around her," a source previously told E! News.

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No 007 for Idris

Maxim's feature on Elba is a double-edge sword of eye candy and confirmation that the actor won't be ordering a martini "shaken, not stirred" anytime soon.



"It's just not happening," Maxim writes. "Fans have

not been shy about their desire to see the producers slide the Aston Martin keys across the bar to Elba. But in the actor's estimation, this very attention has all but killed his chances to land the role." MATT LEE/METRO IN NEW YORK

FROM HGTV TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Hillz spills TV faves

As she's doing her run for president, Hillary Clinton has to field a lot of questions. In a recent chat with South Carolina Democratic Party Chairman Jamie Harrison, the former first lady and secretary of state opens up about her favourite TV shows, and the answers are, um, telling. Clinton revealed she's a huge fan of Tea Leoni's Madam Secretary — so she's the one — about a female secretary of state. Maybe she likes shows she can relate to? Because she's also a huge fan of The Good

Wife, which started out about a high-powered woman overcoming her politician husband's sex scandal. This is very, very awkward.

But don't worry, Clinton has found the secret to relatability, and it is HGTV.

"I love watching people redecorating their houses, buying houses," she says.

"There's a program called Love It or List It. I like to watch Beachfront Bargain (Hunt) and I'm interested in this young couple that flip houses (Flip or Flop), whether they're going to make their money or not."

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WILL AND JADA

Smiths call it quits

While Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith laugh off those pesky divorce rumors that keep cropping up, they're reportedly dealing with a completely different breakup in their lives, and it's with the Church of Scientology. Tax records obtained by Radar Online show that the Smith's Will Smith Foundation was issued a \$1.2-million refund in 2013 for cash that had

been donated to a suspiciously Scientology-friendly school. A former Church leader insists the refund comes because the Smiths are no longer members of the controversial religious organization. If that's the case, the Smiths are the rare exception of people who've actually gotten Scientology to give them money. Impressive.

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From the left: Viola Davis, Kerry Washington, Shonda Rhimes and Ellen Pompeo at the 2015 Summer TCA Tour. GETTY IMAGES

Shonda queen of the non-answer answer

TV CRITICS PRESS TOUR

Talk of legacies not producer's fave topic

Lisa Weidenfeld For Metro

Shonda Rhimes may have made her name with her writing, but for a pro wordsmith, she's awfully short on them when a room full of journalists tries to

get her to answer certain types of questions. Like, for instance, what's going to happen next on any of her Shondaland shows.

"We don't comment on future storylines," Rhimes told the room Tuesday at the Television Critics Association press tour.

But how does Rhimes feel about the whole TGIT branding thing ABC went with for the night of all her shows? Was she feeling any pressure in that situation? "You know what's great is that I absolutely

don't worry about things that I have no control over," Rhimes said. "My job at ABC is to make shows and tell stories, so that is what I spend my time doing."

Rhimes reserved her strongest non-answers for questions regarding her legacy as a person who's gotten more people of colour on TV than possibly any other producer. "I certainly don't spend any time thinking about legacy, because we're still doing this," she said.

When pressed about the concept that she might have something to do with the fact that it seems pretty likely that a woman of colour will win a best actress award at the Emmys for the first time (both Viola Davis and Taraji P. Henson are nominated), she said, "It is a lovely thing that you are saying, but I'm not going to answer that."

Earlier, ABC president Paul Lee had implied that he thought Grey's Anatomy could go on for many more seasons.

And what does Rhimes have to say about that? "I agree with everything that Paul Lee says."

Glad we could clear all that up.

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# Builders seeing the big picture

DEVELOPMENTS

Master-planned communities now common to many cities across Canada

CONDO TRENDS


Duncan McAllister

General George S. Patton once said that a good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow. We all know that planning is an essential aspect of real estate and urban development. It would seem that we're living in the era of the master-planned community. We hear the term a lot, but what does it mean exactly?

BusinessDictionary.com describes it as a type of residential plan, the scope of which is very large, and includes a number of amenities such as parks, golf courses, bike paths and jogging trails.

Closer to the city, it's a large



Zibi sits in the middle of the Ottawa river, connected to both the city of Ottawa and the city of Gatineau. COURTESY WINDMILL DEVELOPMENTS

community, built in phases by one or more builders, which encompasses elements of live, work and play. That may include condos, townhomes, office buildings, shopping centres and parks. The building form is now common to most Canadian cities.

On the West Coast, there's a new master-planned commun-

ity just outside of Vancouver in the Fremont neighbourhood of Port Coquitlam. The Fremont Riverfront District by developer Mosaic Homes comprises condos, townhomes and commercial units in a true live-work-play community. The modern, pedestrian-oriented neighbourhood has more than 650 row home and apartment residences, with the Fremont Riverclub at its centre.

Another example of a master-planned community that goes beyond the realm of imagination, Zibi straddles the banks of the Ottawa River, located in both the City of Ottawa and the City of Gatineau. This multi-phase project, from Windmill Development Group and Dream Unlimited Corp., will transform a derelict section of land into a blend

of condominium towers and townhomes, commercial space and unique waterfront plazas.

In the town of Markham, just north of Toronto, the Remington Group has also embarked on an ambitious project that will include a mix of retail, residential and commercial properties.

The \$3-billion Downtown Markham project will represent the largest planned, mixed-use development in Canada. The site is home to the Signature Condominium Collection, an exclusive condo-hotel designed by Quadrangle Architects with interiors by Il BY IV Design.

Sheldon Levitt, principal with Quadrangle Architects, says that back in the '90s, their client Remington, having acquired the 250-acre property, wanted to build something different than just



**Top:** Capital View Park provides a green core to its neighbourhood, framed by views of Parliament Hill. The park starts at Laval Street with a small urban square, including a children's play area and community agricultural plots.

**Bottom:** East Eddy Plaza is connected to surrounding streets by heritage laneways and linear park extensions enriched by surface storm water management.



Downtown Markham will include retail, residential and commercial properties in a community that includes LEED standard buildings. COURTESY THE REMINGTON GROUP



Part of a live-work-play community, the Fremont Green condos in Port Coquitlam feature one- and two-bedroom, move-in-ready suites on the waterfront. COURTESY MOSAIC HOMES

another bedroom community.

"It was a time when there was a lot of talk about New Urbanism," he said.

"The thinking was that subdivisions are a 20th-century phenomenon and the world is going to more mixed-use communities with a focus on being both pedestrian and transit-oriented and bringing the car under some form of control."

## Summer gadgets for the home chef

DESIGN CENTRE


Karl Lohnes

Most of us confess to having a winter and summer wardrobe, but many would deny having culinary gadgets specifically for the summer kitchen. Here's my roundup of some sizzling summer faves.



- 1

**Primula 50 oz. Cold Brew Iced Coffee Maker**  
Keep your caffeine cool during the summer months. \$30, BedBathAndBeyond.ca
- 2

**OXO Corn Stripper With Holder**  
Strip and store the summer harvest with ease. \$18, Crate-AndBarrel
- 3

**Insulated Laurence Tartan Lunch Bag**  
Keep your travel delights cool while carrying them in style. \$20, StokesStores.com
- 4

**Hamilton Beach Ice Shaver**  
Stylishly serve cold shrimp over ice or make summer-fun slushies. \$50, HamiltonBeach.ca





Sidney Crosby has been all smiles this week at Cole Harbour Place, where he has been on the ice hosting his first-ever summer hockey school. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO



Colorado Avalanche forward Nathan MacKinnon  
KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

## Razor excited for third season

He isn't just a Cole Harbour kid looking up to the likes of Sidney Crosby any more.

Forward Nathan (Razor) MacKinnon is all grown up, ready to start his third year with the Colorado Avalanche and looking forward to facing off against that other hometown hockey hero back in the NHL.

"I'm excited for the season to start," said MacKinnon, who was drafted first overall at the 2013 NHL Entry Draft.

Colorado didn't make the playoffs last season, but MacKinnon notched 14 goals and 24 assists in 64 regular-season games, becoming the youngest member of the Avalanche to record a hat trick.

But before the puck drops on the 2015-16 season, he's enjoying spending time, skating alongside, and perhaps teaching a skill or drill to mentor-turned-buddy Crosby.

"It's good to be back," he said.  
KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

# Sid and Nate give back

## COLE HARBOUR

### Stars give world championship winnings to minor hockey



Kristen Lipscombe  
Metro | Halifax

Cole Harbour's hockey superstars haven't just been giving time back to their hometown. They're also doling out some dough.

Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby, 27, and Colorado Avalanche forward Nathan MacKinnon, 19, announced Wednesday they're giving a portion of their cash prize from winning gold at the world championship back to the place where they both grew up learning and loving the game.

Hockey Canada president and CEO Tom Renney popped by

Cole Harbour Place to present a cheque to the local kids turned NHL pros, in the midst of the inaugural Sidney Crosby Hockey School, which kicked off Monday and finishes up Friday.

"These two fellows (made) a significant contribution," Renney said of the gold medal the two lone Nova Scotians on the men's national team helped win in Prague, Czech Republic, this past May.

"With that was a million-dollar prize, over and above winning the championship," he said of the money awarded to Hockey Canada following the undefeated tournament and 6-1 final game over Russia.

"One of the things Sid wanted to do was donate money back to his minor hockey association. He checked with the other players, talked to the other leadership on the team, so along with Nate, I'm presenting Sid with

a cheque."

Hockey Canada officials wouldn't say just how much money the national contingent is giving back to minor hockey, but Crosby and MacKinnon's piece of the pie is going to the Cole Harbour Minor Hockey Association.

The proceeds from this week's hockey camp, which has welcomed 160 players between the ages of eight and 12 from across the country and around the globe, are also going to the grassroots game via the Sidney Crosby Foundation.

"This is where Nate and I started," Crosby said of contributing to their small community, nestled in Halifax Regional Municipality.

"To have the opportunity to give back ... (and) to be able to go directly to the minor hockey association that we were a part of, I think means a lot to us, and

**28**

Crosby turns 28 years old this Friday



The Sidney Crosby Hockey School lasts a week, ending on Friday. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

I'm sure it will go a long way."

MacKinnon joined Crosby at camp this week, and the two have been spotted hanging out together throughout the summer, from attending a wedding in Cape Breton to serving up coffee and donuts at a Tim Hortons in Dartmouth.

But taking to the ice at Cole Harbour Place has been particu-

larly special.

"It's fun out there, being on the ice," Crosby said.

"The energy (the kids) have, trying to keep them all together is difficult at some points. But they're really having a blast out there, and if they can take something away from this camp, then we're doing our jobs."

## + CHL MEMORIES

MacKinnon led the Halifax Mooseheads to their first-ever Memorial Cup in May 2013, being named most valuable player for his seven goals and six assists in four games over the course of the QMJHL championship tournament.



## IN BRIEF

**Quebec and Las Vegas progress in their bids to launch NHL franchises**

The bids for NHL teams in Quebec City and Las Vegas are progressing to the next stage of the expansion process.

Quebecor Media vice-president of public affairs Martin Tremblay confirmed in a telephone interview Wednesday that the group overseeing the Quebec City bid has received an invitation from the league to participate in the second phase of the process.

Tremblay refused to give any other details.

Bill Foley, who leads the Las Vegas bid, confirmed in a statement that his group has also been invited to participate in Phase 2. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Boston mayor calls for tobacco ban on baseball fields across U.S. city**

From storied Fenway Park to youth baseball diamonds across the city, Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh is calling for a ban on dip, snuff and chewing tobacco.

With former Red Sox pitcher and mouth cancer survivor Curt Schilling at his side, the mayor on Wednesday proposed banning smokeless tobacco products from all city professional and amateur athletic venues.

"Kids shouldn't have to watch their role models using tobacco, either at a neighbourhood park or on TV," Walsh said. "Ball fields are places for mentoring and healthy development. They're no place for cancer-causing substances."

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**Magic sign Canuck forward Ejim from Rome**

The Orlando Magic have signed Canadian forward Melvin Ejim.

The six-foot-six, 220-pound Toronto native played in 47 games with Virtus Roma in Italy last season, averaging 7.9 points and 5.6 rebounds in 24.1 minutes per game.

He recently helped Canada to a silver medal at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto.

He played with the Magic's "White" team in summer league competition, averaging 9.2 points and 6.8 rebounds.

Ejim, 24, who was not drafted in 2014, played in 135 games during four seasons at Iowa State University from 2010-14, averaging 12.2 points, 7.8 rebounds and 1.4 assists.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Matthias itching to show allegiance to team he loves

## NHL

## However, Leafs may trade fan for draft picks or prospects

Shawn Matthias didn't sign with the Maple Leafs to get traded.

But it would sure be tempting for the Leafs — if, as expected, they tumble their way to the bottom of the standings in 2015-16 — to sell the 6-foot-4, 27-year-old Matthias to a playoff-bound team for coveted draft picks and/or prospects.

**"I've got to prove to them that I belong here and show them that I really do care about being with this organization and how badly I want it. That's my goal."** Shawn Matthias

That certainly seems to be the template president Brendan Shanahan has laid out in his short time running the team. And it could be the narrative Matthias, who signed a one-year deal in early July, and others play under. Matthias hopes it isn't.

"Every day I'm a Leaf, I'm going to be pumped up and

do what I can for the Toronto Maple Leafs," he said in a recent phone interview. "Hopefully it's for a lot longer than what I'm signed for, but that's out of my control."

"I've got to prove to them that I belong here and show them that I really do care about being with this organization and how badly I want it. That's



**Shawn Matthias**  
GETTY IMAGES

my goal.

"If there are rumours and all that, I'll try not to let it bother me. I will laugh it off as much as I can. I'm sure those questions will come. It seems those questions come every year. I can't let it get to me."

Matthias grew up a Leafs fan in Mississauga and now lives about five minutes from his parents' house, where he grew up. It is a dream come true to join the Leafs. Matthias is one of seven Ontario players now

on the Leafs' roster, joining fellow newcomers Taylor Beck (St. Catharines), Scott Harrington (Kingston) and Nick Spaling (Palmerston), the returning Daniel Winnik (Toronto), and holdovers Nazem Kadri (London) and Peter Holland (Toronto).

"They were at the top of my list of where I wanted to go," said Matthias, who scored 18 goals for the Vancouver Canucks last season. "There's been a lot of positive changes as well. I just can't wait to get started. This is the team you grew up watching, the team you grew up cheering for."

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**SOCCER DON'T MESS WITH ME** Barcelona's Lionel Messi gets in a scuffle with Roma's Mapou Yanga-Mbiwa and Leandro Casta gets during the Joan Gamper trophy match on Wednesday at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain. Barcelona won 3-0 with goals from Neymar, Messi and Ivan Rakitic. FRANCISCO SECO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## 2020 OLYMPICS

## Japanese designer says Games emblem all his own

Japanese designer Kenjiro Sano rejects claims he copied the emblem of a Belgian theatre when he created the official logo for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

At a news conference on Wednesday, Sano said his design was original and he never saw the emblem for the Theatre de Liege before creating his logo.

Belgian designer Olivier Debie has asked the International Olympic Committee and Tokyo Olympic organizers to change the logo

because it bears too much resemblance to his emblem for the theatre in Liege.

"I am surprised to hear the remarks of the Belgian designer," Sano said, adding he was saddened and shocked by claims he plagiarized. "His claims

are completely groundless."

Sano said his geometric design uses a widely available font for the letter "T," which stands for Tokyo, team, and tomorrow. He said the red circle in the logo was inspired by designer Yusaku Kamekura's emblem for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

The 2013 logo for the theatre has a similar "T" in white against a black backdrop.

Tokyo organizers said they researched trademarks inside Japan and abroad before deciding on the logo. The emblem for the Belgian theatre is not a registered trademark.

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**The Theatre de Liege, in Liege, Belgium.** GEERT VANDEN WIJNGAERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

**Kenjiro Sano in Tokyo on Wednesday** TORU YAMANAKA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



## RECIPE Summer Taco Salad Wraps with Aged Cheddar



### EAT LIGHT AT HOME

Rose Reisman

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Serves 6.

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup onions
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 8 oz lean ground beef
- 1 cup medium salsa
- 6 small flour tortillas (6")
- 1/3 cup shredded lettuce
- 1 cup diced plum tomato
- 1/2 cup shredded old light cheddar cheese
- 1 cup black beans, drained and rinsed

#### Directions

1. In a large skillet sprayed with oil, add onions and sauté for three minutes until tender. Add garlic, chili powder and Worcestershire

and sauté another minute. Add beef and sauté until no longer pink, about three minutes. Add salsa, cover and simmer for five minutes on low heat until most of the salsa has been absorbed.

2. Divide meat mixture over centre of tortillas. Divide lettuce, tomato, cheese and beans over top. Fold in half and serve warm.

#### Nutrition per serving

- Calories 195
- Protein 15 g
- Carbohydrates 25 g
- Fibre 3 g
- Total fat 3.5 g
- Saturated fat 1 g
- Cholesterol 20 mg
- Sodium 690 mg

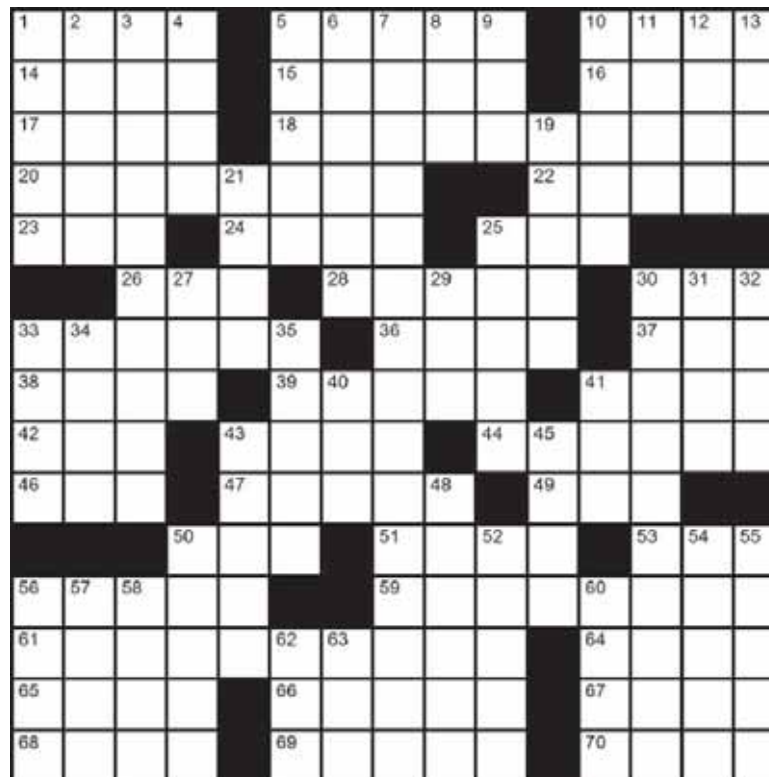
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Rocket-to-moon org.
5. Parsley portion
10. Montreal baseball player, once
14. Grad
15. The 1890s, sometimes called The \_\_\_ Decade
16. Brag about
17. Negative reply
18. Gathering/ collection
20. One consists of a board, rooks, pawns, etc.: 2 wds.
22. Silk-like fabric
23. Lieutenant Tasha \_\_\_ (Character on "Star Trek: The Next Generation")
24. Chips \_\_\_! (Chocolate chip cookie)
25. Wager
26. Cartoonist Mr. Keane
28. Fashion sense
30. Uniquely-spelled mountain basin
33. Immediately!
36. Richly-\_\_\_ (Fall fashions, often)
37. Pi's follower
38. "My Fair Lady" (1964) star Mr. Harrison's
39. Alpine dry wind
41. Egotistical
42. Poetic tribute
43. In the distance
44. Nickname for Canadian rapper Drake
46. ABBA hit
47. Obscure
49. Stable stuff



50. 'F' in FWIW
51. River of England
53. Mason's load-holder
56. Cold shoulder it
59. Type of tree
61. Canadair CT-133 \_\_\_ (Retired mil-

- itary aircraft)
64. Mr. McCormack
65. Competent
66. Rock gig venue
67. Voyaging on the ocean
68. Fruit cocktail bit

69. \_\_\_ Lodge (Veronica's dad in Archie Comics)
70. Big name in computers

### DOWN

1. HLN's "\_\_\_ Grace"
2. Hawaiian 'hi'
3. Canada Post door-

9. Precious stone
10. Plaudit
11. Hospital photo
12. Corn dog
13. British actor Clive
19. "The Rare \_\_\_" (1966)
21. Table shaker contents
25. Mix
27. \_\_\_ and outs
29. "I \_\_\_ Ya Papi" by Jennifer Lopez
30. Neil Young's backing band: 2 wds.
31. \_\_\_ by (Pass briskly)
32. Tommy James & The Shondells tune, when repeated
33. Advantages
34. Decorate anew
35. Bid
40. Goon
41. Through
43. Dwelling
45. Canadian comedian Caroline
48. Where Georgetown is the capital city
50. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's bill, fun-style
52. "Buzz off!"
54. Bay window
55. Sticker
56. Business person's "Fast!"
57. Feeling
58. Stewing pot
60. Fermented honey drink
62. Encourager's exclamation!
63. \_\_\_ Lanka

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Don't waste your time, energy and money on things you don't need and people you don't respect. Resist the urge to get involved in causes and issues that do not concern you directly.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You have made sacrifices in recent weeks and now it is time to do something for yourself. You will feel more positive about your dreams and your place in the world.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
There is no point trying to control every situation you find yourself in — you will wear yourself out if you try. Some things are simply too big for even a Gemini to change.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
If you want to get the most out of the next few days you will need to be more sociable. Let others take the lead and they'll take you places you will thoroughly enjoy.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Employers will go out of their way to help you make the most of your talents. First, though, you need to open up and let them know what it is you desire. They're not mind readers.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Your opinions may be fixed but that does not mean you are completely inflexible. Some of the ideas you have over the next 24 hours will be so unusual that even those who know you well will be surprised.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You don't have to do anything to make this day special, just be yourself and enjoy the wonderful things that come your way. It's possible you could go on a spree and spend too much money but that's nothing new.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Even a Scorpio needs encouragement. Loved ones will go out of their way to reassure you today. It's nice to know you are appreciated.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You may not enjoy what you have to do but you have no choice, so get yourself in gear and get it done. Once it is out of the way you can devote yourself to more pleasurable activities.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Listen to what friends and relatives tell you today. If you follow their advice it will save you time and effort on things of no importance. Why learn from mistakes when you can learn from others?

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Your doubts about certain relationships will be laid to rest. Loved ones will reassure you that you are always in their hearts and thoughts, no matter how far apart you may be.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Don't let pride get in the way of securing your future. You cannot do everything on your own, so put your ego aside and join forces.

### CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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